

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0051] with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention may be an embodiment that permits the automation of a tissue penetrating device by means of a pre-biasing device, which includes a member such as a compressed gas compartment, a coil spring, or a torsion spring. In a specific embodiment, an integrated spring coil component, such as a compression spring component, may be used. Although a compression spring coil may be one component that may be used to forward-bias a portion of the device, other components may be used as well. For example, other types of elastically deformed mechanical spring elements, compressed air, chemical combustion, or magnetic repulsion (or attraction) may also be used as a pre-biasing device.